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Clinton Lake prevents millions in damages in 2010

LAWRENCE, Kan.— Clinton Lake, a Kansas City District reservoir near Lawrence, Kan., provides flood protection, water supply, water quality, recreation and fish and wildlife benefits to the citizens of Kansas and the region. The economic benefits the lake provided for the region are calculated each year based on the volume of flood water retained in the flood pool, the number of gallons of water provided for water supply, and the number of visitors to recreation facilities around the lake.

"Clinton Lake held flood water for much of the spring and into July in 2010," said Sue Gehrt, Clinton Lake operations project manager. "The Clinton Project prevented approximately \$53.7 million in flood damages to the area downstream of the dam. Since project construction was completed in 1980, the dam has prevented over \$1.21 billion in flood damages."

Clinton Lake also provided approximately 2.75 billion gallons of water for municipal and industrial use in 2010. This water was supplied to the City of Lawrence and the Tri-District water plants for treatment and use by the citizens of Lawrence and western Douglas County.

More than 1.6 million visitors visited the recreation facilities at Clinton Lake in 2010. Visitors enjoyed camping at Corps and Kansas Department of Wildlife and Park campgrounds among other activities such as: boating and fishing on the lake; hiking; biking; horseback riding on the 70 miles of trails around the lake; hunting; picnicking; wildlife viewing; and bird watching.

There are several facilities on Clinton lake land leased to Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department such as the Eagle Bend Golf Course, the off-leash dog park, the model airplane field, the soccer field, the football field and the baseball and softball fields.

"Visitors to the lake generate over \$22,000,000 in regional sales each year," said Gehrt. "Over 371 area jobs are attributed to these visitors. Clinton Lake is a huge asset to the citizens of Lawrence, Douglas County and the region."

For more information, call the Clinton Lake Project Office at (785) 843-7665.

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